

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Nagi G. Ayad and Marc W. Kirschner) Examiner: Rita Mitra, Ph.D.
Serial No.: 10/817,204)
Filed: April 2, 2004) Art Unit: 1653
Title: NOVEL CELL CYCLE GENES REQUIRED FOR) Conf. No.: 3911
MITOTIC ENTRY)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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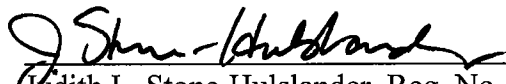
PETITION FOR FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. section 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to Examiner's Office Action Restriction Requirement mailed March 30, 2006, be extended for four months to and including August 30, 2006.

Please apply the instant small entity fee, in the amount of \$795.00, and any other charges or any credits to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 30, 2006


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